7 SEEDS

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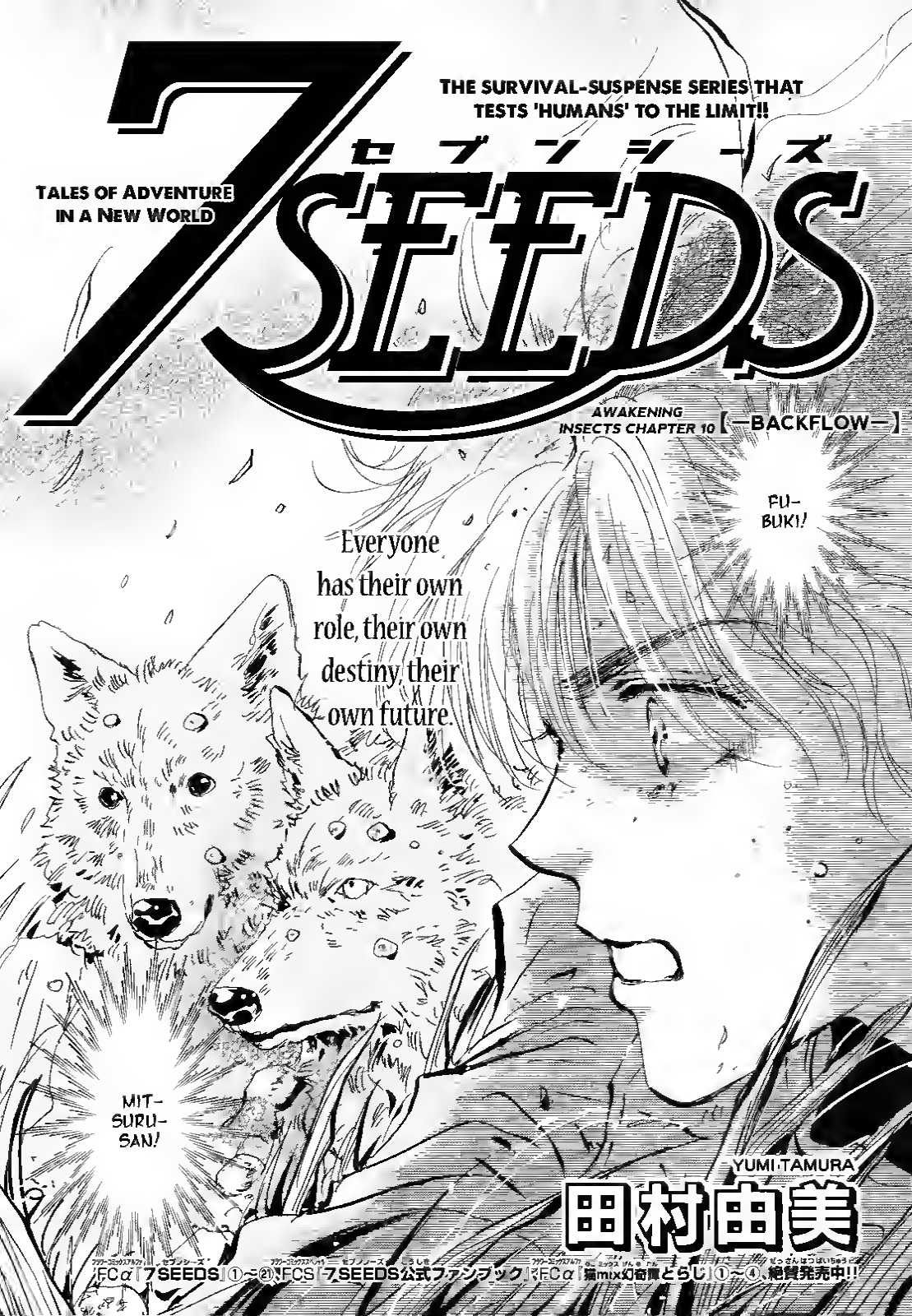

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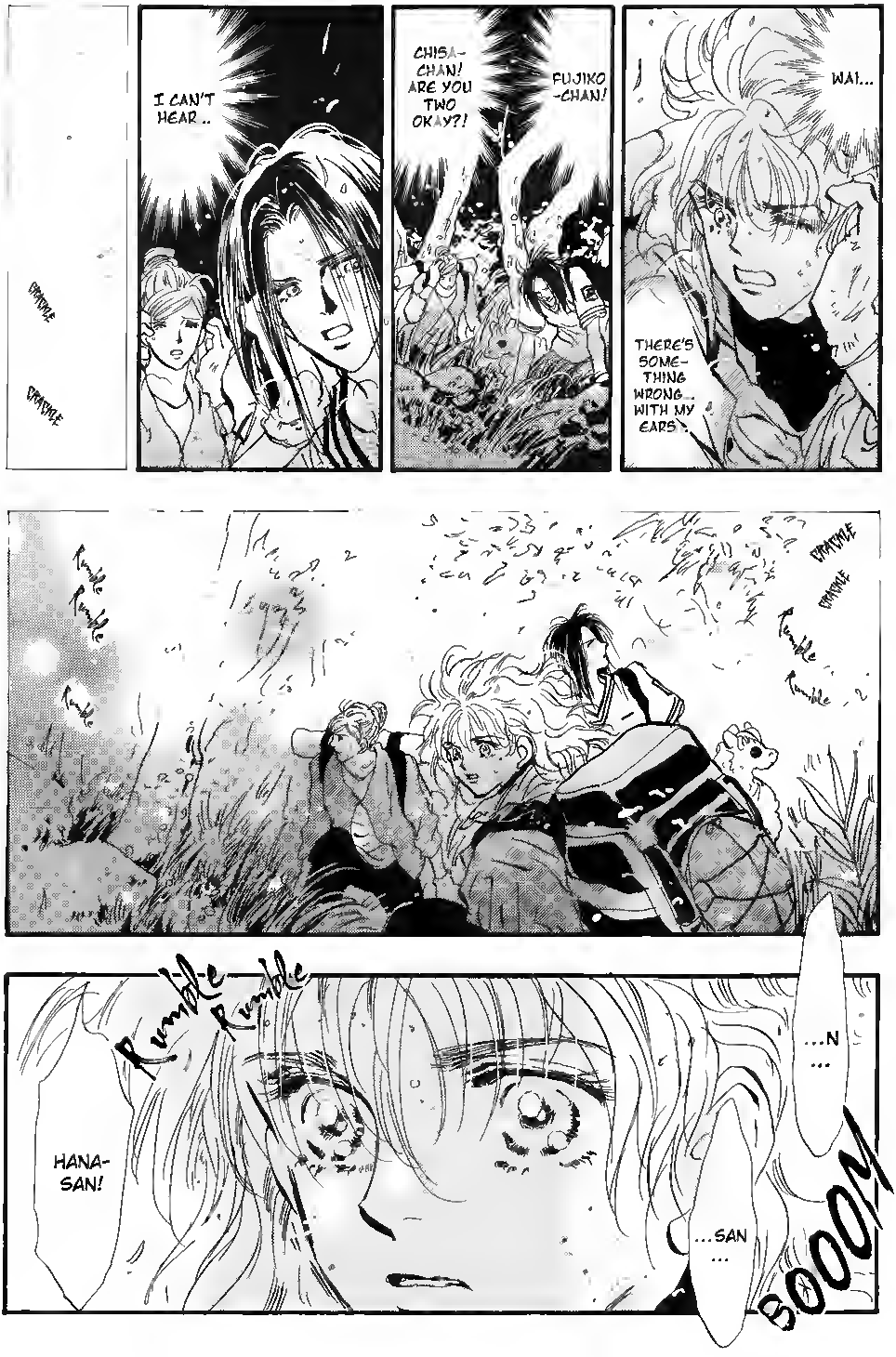
THE MUSH-ROOMS...
ARE IT SPROUTING ON THEM TOO...
WAIT...!


CRACKLE
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I CAN'T HEAR..
CHISA-CHAN! ARE YOU TWO OKAY?!
FUJIKO-CHAN!
WAI...
THERE'S SOME-THING WRONG... WITH MY EARS...
Rumble Rumble Rumble
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
Rumble
Rumble
Rumble Rumble
HANA-SAN!
...N ...
...SAN ...
BOOM

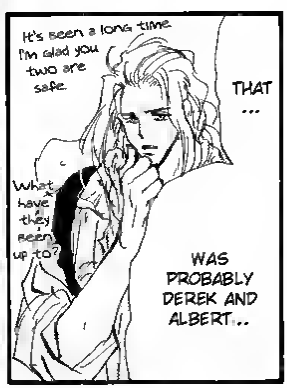
ARA-MAKI-SAN!
DON'T WORRY, I'M FINE!
HANA-SAN!
IT SEEMS A LIGHTNING BOLT STRUCK CLOSE BY!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
AH HA..
HA..
HANA-SAN.
YOU SEEM WELL ...

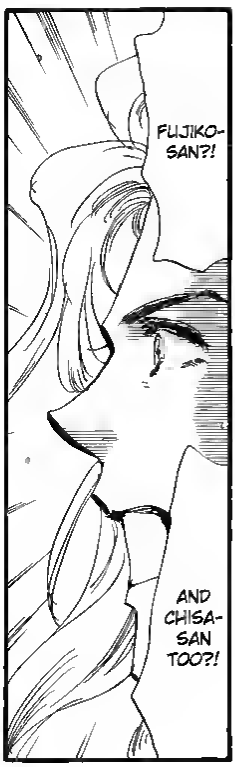
FUBUKI AND...
MITSURU-SAN ARE IN TROUBLE!

HELLO.
THEY LED US HERE TO YOU ...
BUT RAN AWAY IMMEDIATELY AFTER..
THE MUSH-ROOMS ARE GROW-ING...
ON FUBUKI AND MIT[illegible]RU-SAN?!

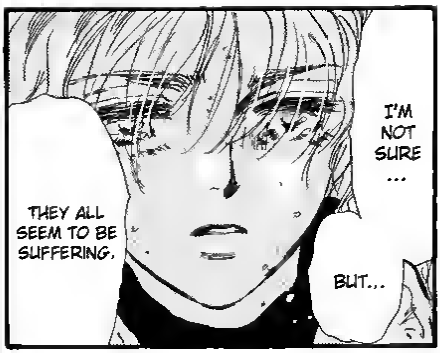
EARLIER, I ALSO SAW MUSHROOMS GROWING ON THE ANIMALS.
JUST HOW BAD ...
HAS THIS SITUATION BECOME?

ON OUR WAY HERE, WE MET TWO OTHER DOGS WHO HAD MUSHROOMS GROWING ON THEM TOO.
Hello

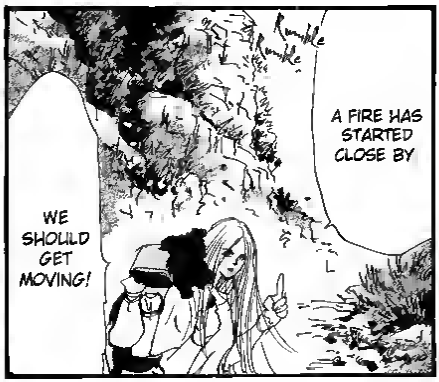

It's been a long time. I'm glad you two are safe.
What have they been up to?
THAT ...
WAS PROBABLY DEREK AND ALBERT...


FUJIKO-SAN?!
AND CHISA-SAN TOO?!

AYU-SAN?!

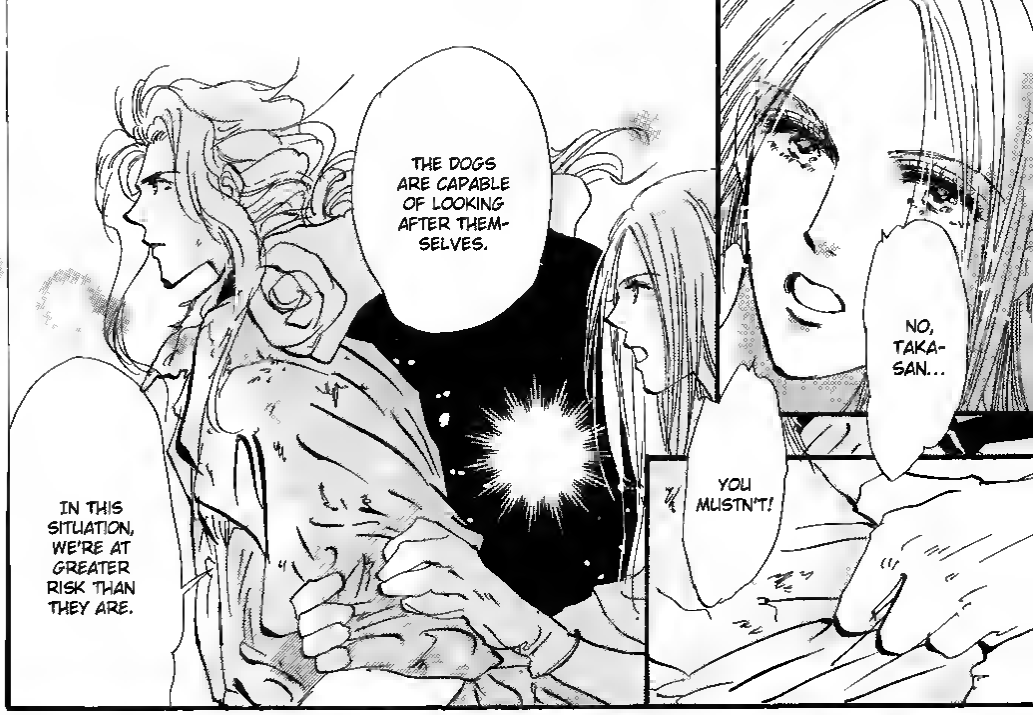

I'M NOT SURE ...
BUT...
THEY ALL SEEM TO BE SUFFERING.

THERE'S SMOKE AHEAD!

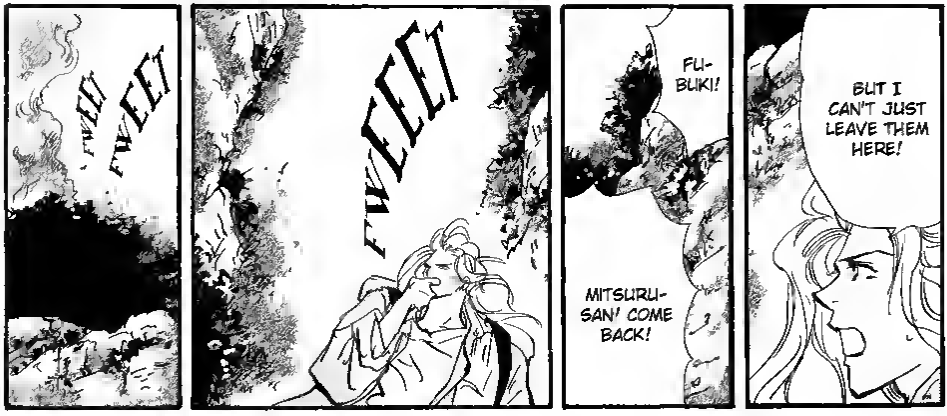

A FIRE HAS STARTED CLOSE BY
WE SHOULD GET MOVING!

THE TWO OF THEM...
WENT ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER...?
Don't worry.
NO...
IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.
WE WENT ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER.
EH...?
ARE ANGO AND THE OTHERS HERE TOO?!
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT YOU WOULD ACTUALLY SURVIVE
Not to mention being alive and kicking.
YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING...
YOUR ABILITY TO SURVIVE IS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF A TICK OR A COCKROACH.
ARAMAKI-SAN...?
UH...
I THINK ...
AYU-SAN MEANS THAT AS A COMPLIMENT.
Of course I was complimenting her!

SPRING?
I SEE, SO THERE WERE MORE OF YOU STILL AROUND...
WELL, LET'S NOT DAWDLE. WE NEED TO QUICKLY ESCAPE FROM HERE BEFORE THE SMOKE SURROUNDS US.
WAS SHE ONE OF THE ONES WHO MISTREATED YOU?
SHE WAS VERY KIND TO ME.
She even saved me from Ango
NO, AYU-SAN NEVER MISTREATED ME...
WHO IS THAT SHARP-TONGUED BEAUTY?
THAT'S AYU-SAN OF TEAM SUMMER A.
GREET-INGS!
IT SEEMS YOU AND YOUR SUMMER A BUDDIES ...
LOOKED AFTER OUR HANA FOR SOME TIME.
I'M FUJIKO, FROM TEAM SPRING.
AND I AM CHISA.
I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR FUBUKI AND MITSURU-SAN.
It sounds as if the lightning is gradually moving further away too.
PLEASE GO ON AHEAD WITHOUT ME.
I SUPPOSE WE'VE BEEN LUMPED TO-GETHER WITH COCKROACHES TOO.
I SEE, SO THAT'S WHAT SUMMER A IS LIKE..
This is how it feels.
I sorta under-stand what you went through now, Hana.


THE DOGS ARE CAPABLE OF LOOKING AFTER THEMSELVES.
IN THIS SITUATION, WE'RE AT GREATER RISK THAN THEY ARE.
NO, TAKA-SAN...
YOU MUSTN'T!

TAKA-SAN?!


FWEET
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FU-BUKI!
MITSURU-SAN! COME BACK!
BUT I CAN'T JUST LEAVE THEM HERE!

ONLY THE PUPPIES CAME...
WUFF
WUFF
WUFF
WUFF
WUFF
WUFF
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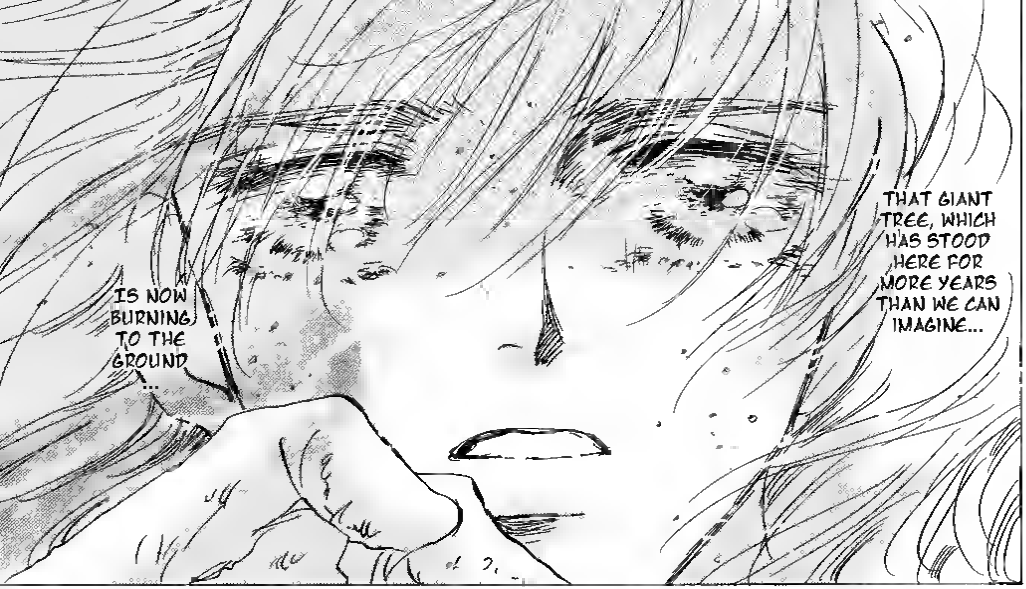
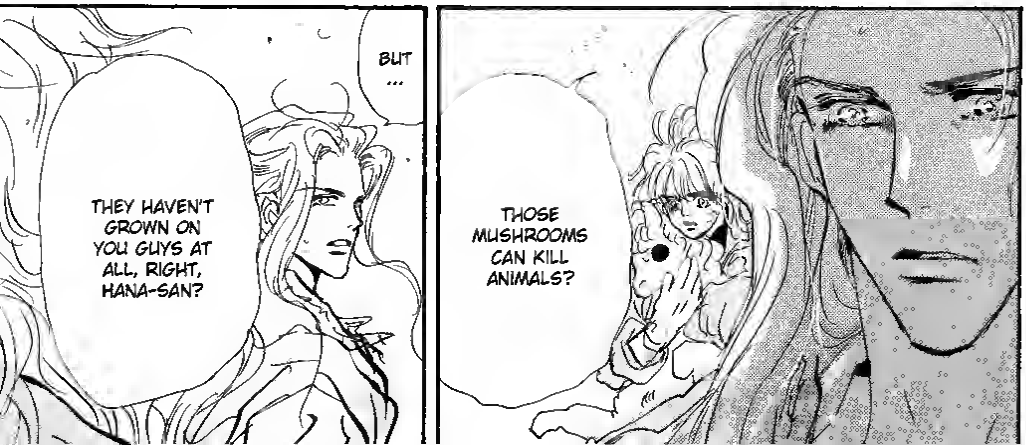
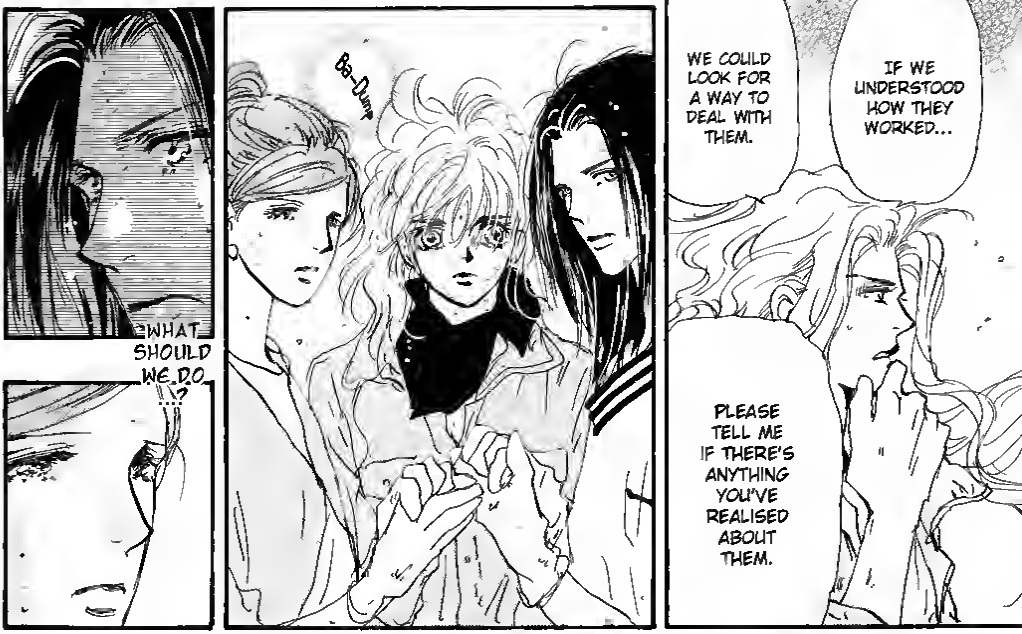
WUFF
WUFF
WUFF
Mobilise!
Mobilise!
You called?
SO THERE SHOULD BE A HUGE NUMBER OF THEM HERE ...
DEREK HAS BEEN CALLING THEM TO GATHER TO HIM...
BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYTHING LIKE THIS HAS HAPPENED.
There aren't any growths on him
Come to think of it Kuroda seems to be fine
DO ANY OF YOU...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ADULTS?
WHY AREN'T THEY RESPONDING?
ARE YOU OKAY?
HAVE MUSHROOMS GROWING ON YOU?
Whine
I PROMISE I'LL PROTECT THESE CHILDREN.
...FUBUKI ...

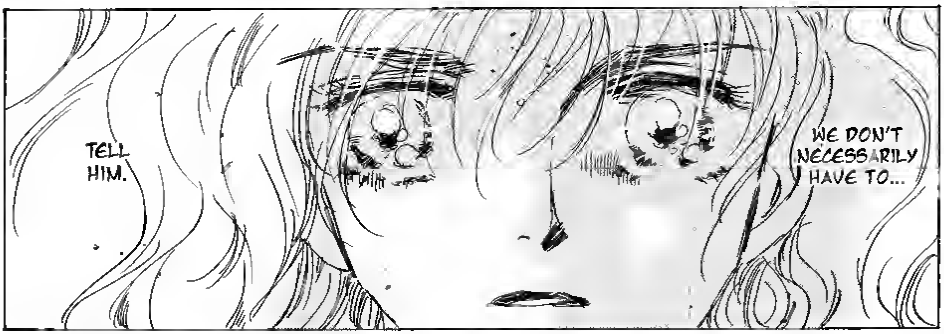
WE MADE OUR WAY ...
UP-WIND ...
CLIMB-ING UP SEVERAL CLIFFS ...
UNTIL WE FINALLY UNDER-STOOD WHAT HAD HAPPENED ...
SO THAT MASSIVE BLAST BEFORE WAS FROM THAT.
THAT TREE, THE MASTER OF THIS FOREST, WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING


IS NOW BURNING TO THE GROUND...
THAT GIANT TREE, WHICH HAS STOOD HERE FOR MORE YEARS THAN WE CAN IMAGINE...

NEEEIGH
NO, STAY AWAY FROM THEM!
NEIGH!

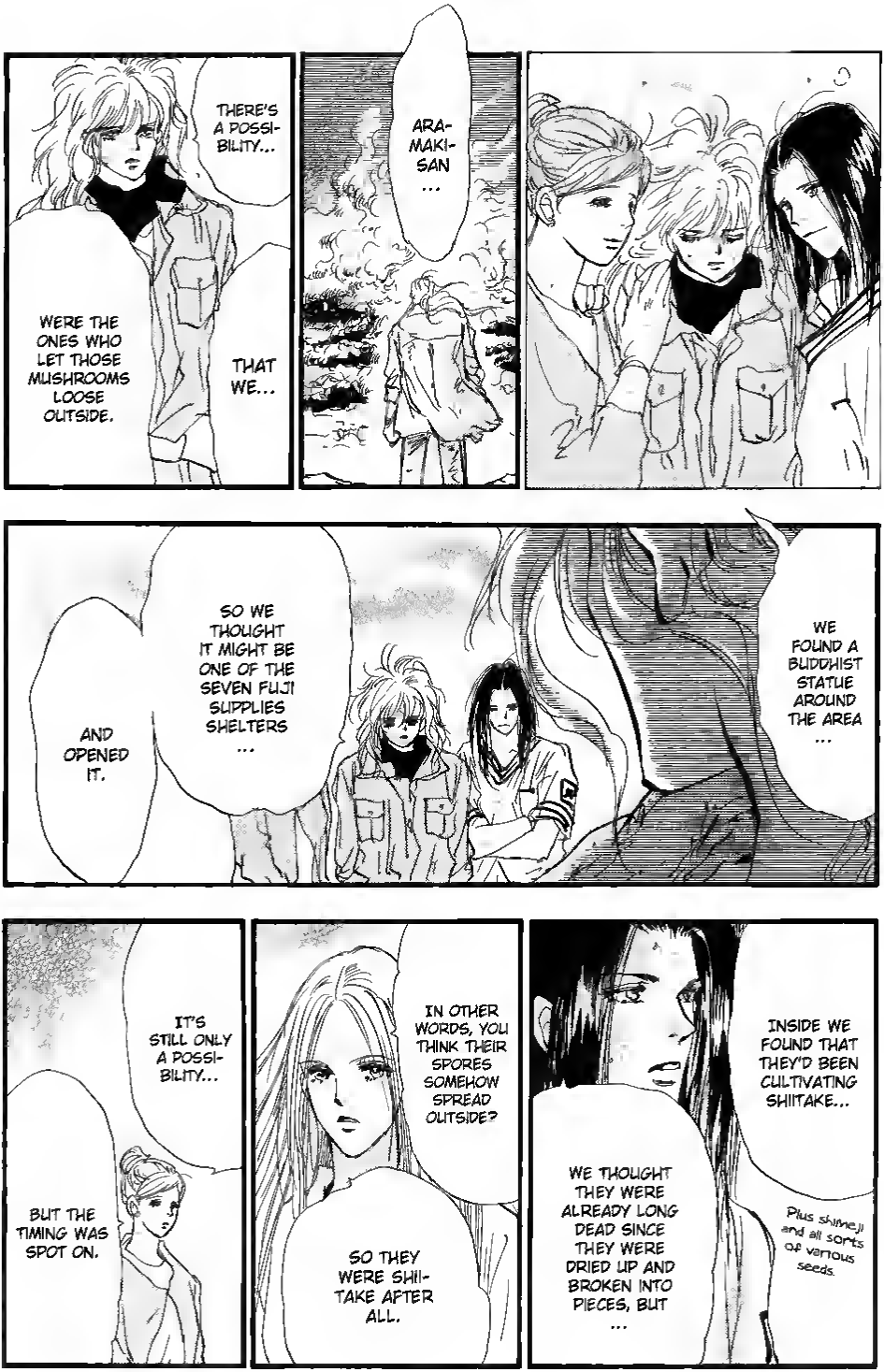

BUT ...
THEY HAVEN'T GROWN ON YOU GUYS AT ALL, RIGHT, HANA-SAN?
THOSE MUSHROOMS CAN KILL ANIMALS?

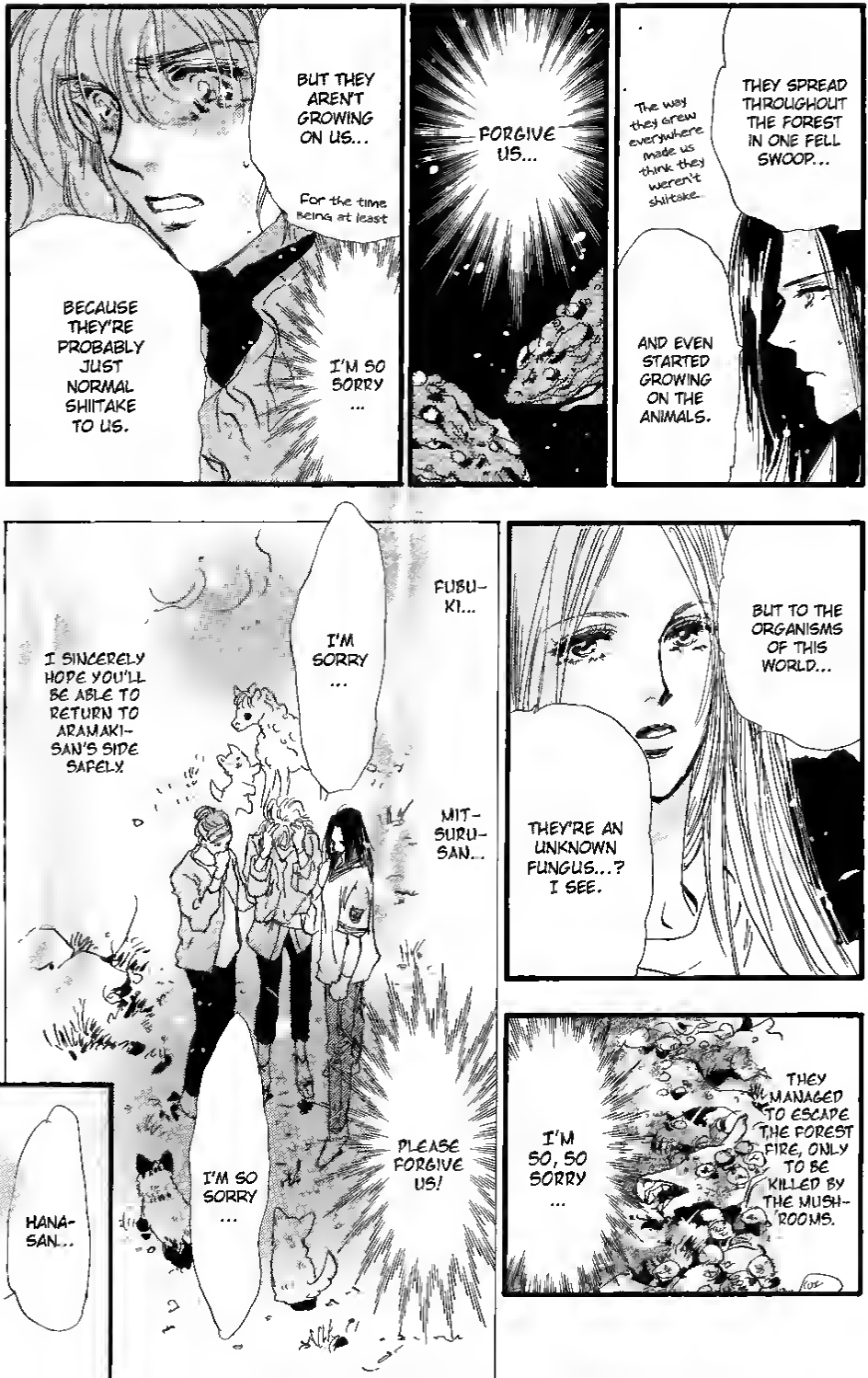

WHAT SHOULD WE DO...?
Bo-Dump
IF WE UNDERSTOOD HOW THEY WORKED...
WE COULD LOOK FOR A WAY TO DEAL WITH THEM.
PLEASE TELL ME IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU'VE REALISED ABOUT THEM.

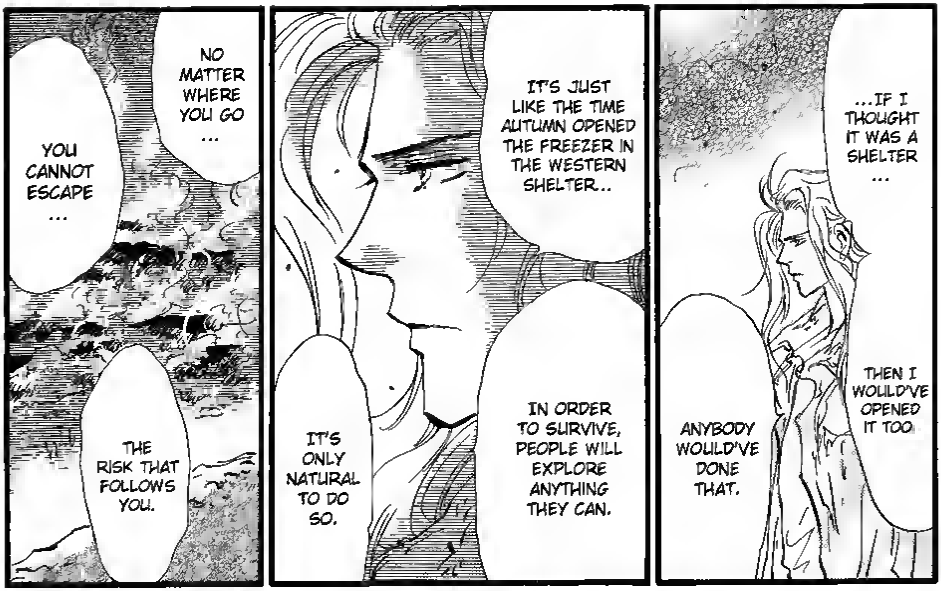

TELL HIM.
WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO...

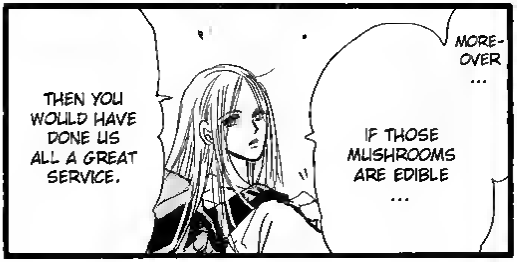
THEN WE COULD ALL JUST BECOME VICTIMS OF THE SITUATION.
IF WE DON'T TELL HIM THAT WE MIGHT HAVE RELEASED THE MUSHROOMS...

IF WE JUST DON'T TELL...
HIM ANY-THING...
ON THE CONTRARY, WE MAY END UP CAUSING HIM ANGUISH.
IF WE DO TELL HIM...
ARAMAKI-SAN MAY COME TO RESENT US...
HOW COULD YOU EVEN CONTEMPLATE SUCH A THING ...
...EVEN IF IT WAS JUST FOR A MOMENT ...
HANA ...?!


THERE'S A POSSIBILITY...
WERE THE ONES WHO LET THOSE MUSHROOMS LOOSE OUTSIDE.
THAT WE...
ARA-MAKI-SAN ...
WE FOUND A BUDDHIST STATUE AROUND THE AREA ...
SO WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE ONE OF THE SEVEN FUJI SUPPLIES SHELTERS ...
AND OPENED IT.
INSIDE WE FOUND THAT THEY'D BEEN CULTIVATING SHIITAKE...
Plus shimeji and all sorts of various seeds.
WE THOUGHT THEY WERE ALREADY LONG DEAD SINCE THEY WERE DRIED UP AND BROKEN INTO PIECES, BUT ...
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU THINK THEIR SPORES SOMEHOW SPREAD OUTSIDE?
SO THEY WERE SHII-TAKE AFTER ALL.
IT'S STILL ONLY A POSSIBILITY...
BUT THE TIMING WAS SPOT ON.


BUT THEY AREN'T GROWING ON US...
For the time being at least
BECAUSE THEY'RE PROBABLY JUST NORMAL SHIITAKE TO US.
I'M SO SORRY ...
FORGIVE US...
THEY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE FOREST IN ONE FELL SWOOP...
The way they grew everywhere made us think they weren't shiitake.
AND EVEN STARTED GROWING ON THE ANIMALS.
I SINCERELY HOPE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO ARAMAKI-SAN'S SIDE SAFELY.
I'M SORRY ...
FUBUKI...
MITSURU-SAN...
BUT TO THE ORGANISMS OF THIS WORLD...
THEY'RE AN UNKNOWN FUNGUS...? I SEE.
HANA-SAN...
I'M SO SORRY ...
PLEASE FORGIVE US!
I'M SO, SO SORRY ...
THEY MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE FOREST FIRE, ONLY TO BE KILLED BY THE MUSHROOMS.


NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO ...
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ...
THE RISK THAT FOLLOWS YOU.
IT'S JUST LIKE THE TIME AUTUMN OPENED THE FREEZER IN THE WESTERN SHELTER..
IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO DO SO.
IN ORDER TO SURVIVE, PEOPLE WILL EXPLORE ANYTHING THEY CAN.
...IF I THOUGHT IT WAS A SHELTER ...
THEN I WOULD'VE OPENED IT TOO.
ANYBODY WOULD'VE DONE THAT.

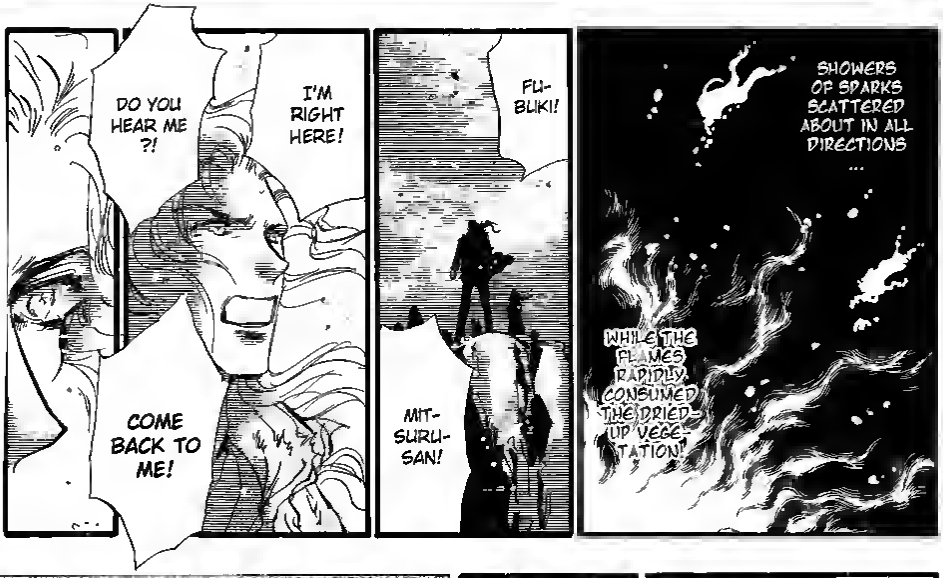

THEN YOU WOULD HAVE DONE US ALL A GREAT SERVICE.
MORE-OVER ...
IF THOSE MUSHROOMS ARE EDIBLE ...

THEN I SUPPOSE YOUR CARELESSNESS HAS CAUSED US UNNECESSARY TROUBLE... RIGHT?
Let's get going, Kuroda
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THEY'RE NOTHING BUT HARMFUL
Ruff

Right

LIKE THE TIME WE FOUND A CURE FOR THE VIOLET SKIN DISEASE.
WE'LL TRY LOOKING FOR A WAY TO COUNTER THE MUSH-ROOMS
...THE FIRE IS GETTING CLOSER TO US...
WE BETTER MOVE ON.

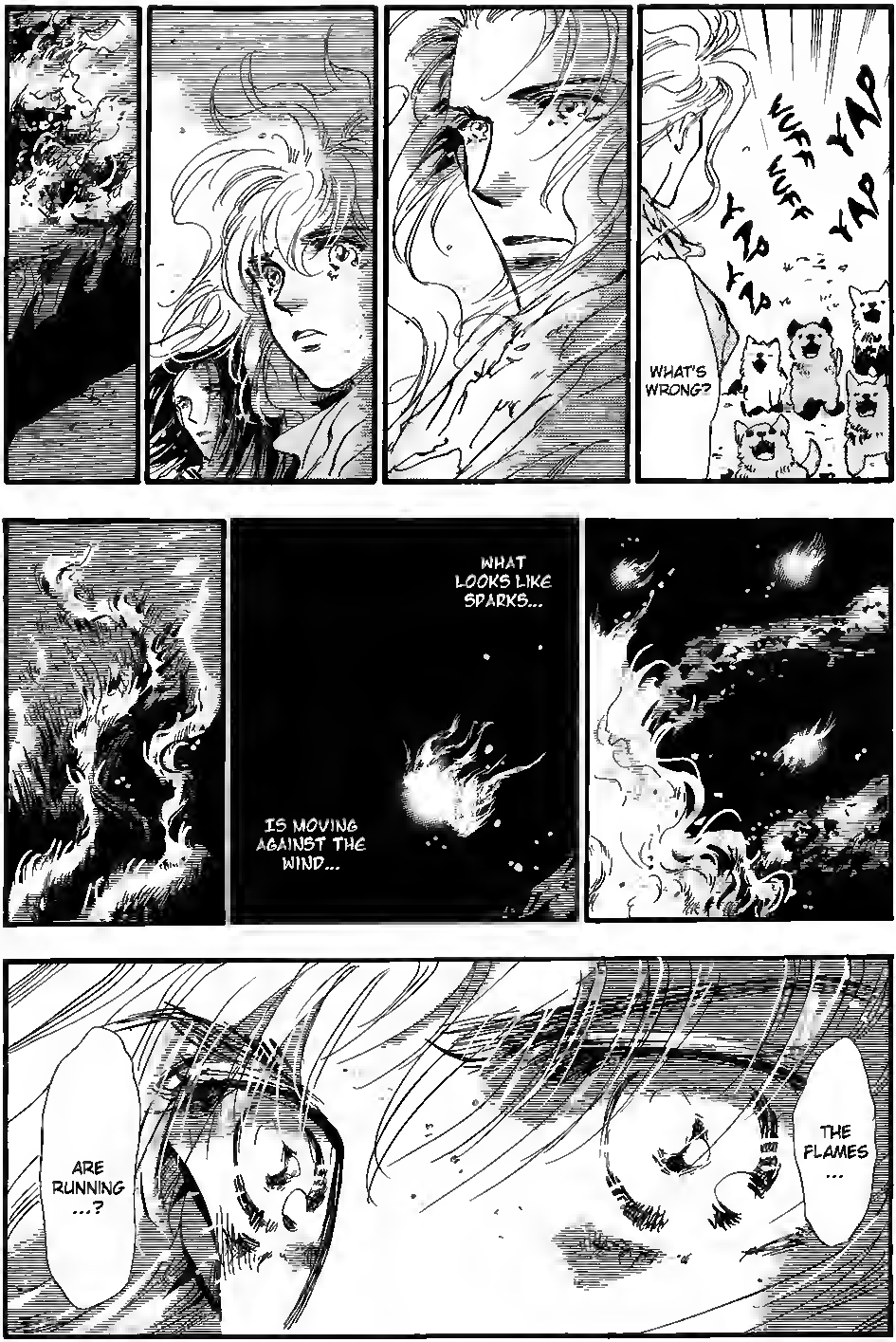
EVENTUALLY THE SUN WENT DOWN
WHILE THE FIRE CONTINUED TO SPREAD FURTHER.


DO YOU HEAR ME ?!
I'M RIGHT HERE!
COME BACK TO ME!
FU-BUKI!
MIT-SURU-SAN!
SHOWERS OF SPARKS SCATTERED ABOUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS ...
WHILE THE FLAMES RAPIDLY CONSUMED THE DRIED-UP VEGE-TATION!

IT MADE ME WONDER ...
WHETHER THIS WAS SOMEHOW THIS WORLD'S WAY OF REJECTING THEM.

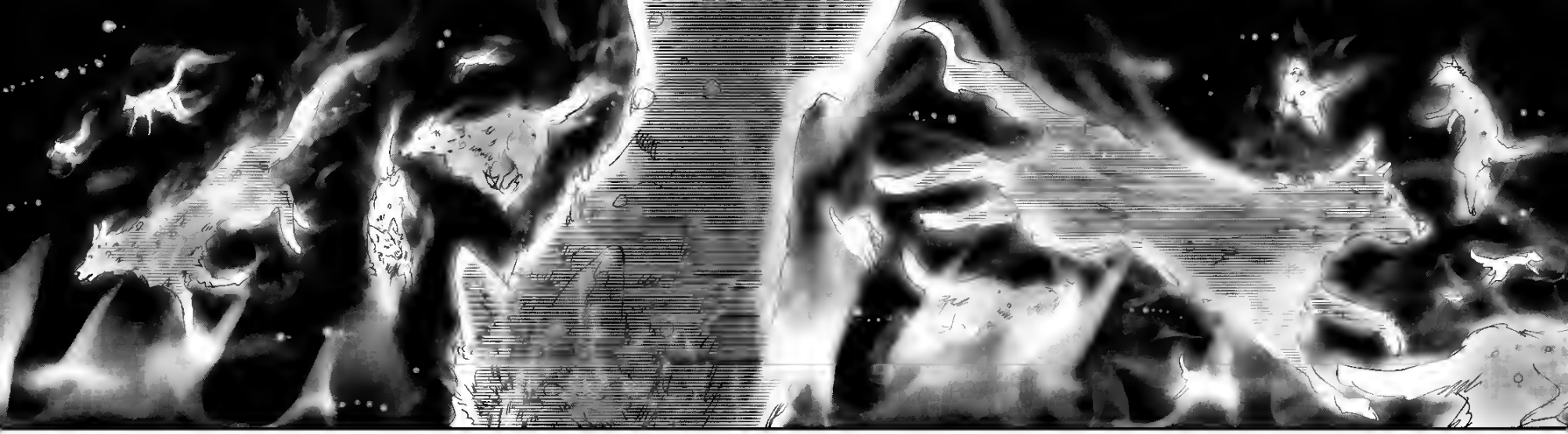
THAT WAS WHEN CHISA-CHAN SAID
IT'S ...
ALMOST AS IF THE FIRE IS TRYING TO COMPLETELY ERADICATE ALL THE MUSH-ROOMS.

THE FOREIGN SPECIES IS BEING BURNT TO THE GROUND ...
SOME MIGHT EVEN SAY THIS WAS THE WILL OF GOD.
WOULD NOT BE FORGIVEN FOR TRYING TO LIVE HERE ..
AS IF IT WERE SAYING THAT ANY-THING FROM THE PAST...
CONSIDERED FOREIGN...?
ARE WE LSO...
KURO-DA?
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
THIS SIMPLY MEANS ...
THAT IT WAS THE RIGHT TIME FOR NATURE TO RETURN BALANCE TO THE ECOSYSTEM ...
Such a thing doesn't exist
GOD HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS ...
FOREST FIRES APPEAR TO BE COMMON-PLACE IN THIS AREA TOO.
THIS IS JUST AN ACT OF NATURE.


WHAT'S WRONG?
YAP YAP
YAP YAP
YUFF YUFF
WHAT LOOKS LIKE SPARKS...
IS MOVING AGAINST THE WIND...
THE FLAMES ...
ARE RUNNING ...?

DEREK ?!
YOU'RE BURN-ING...
STOP IT! STOP RUNNING!
DEREK!
FIND SOME WATER!
ROLL ALONG THE GROUND!
DIG YOUR-SELF INTO A HOLE!

DEREK!!
COME OVER HERE!
DEREK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?!
ARA-MAKI-SAN ...
HE'S NOT JUST BURNING ...
HE'S SPREAD-ING THE FLAMES ...
THE DOGS ...
ARE LIGHTING THEIR OWN BODIES...
TO SPREAD THE FLAMES!



FU-
BUKI!
MIT-
SURU-
SAN!

NOOOOOOO

FWOOSH

MIT-
SURU-
SAN!
FU-
BUKI!

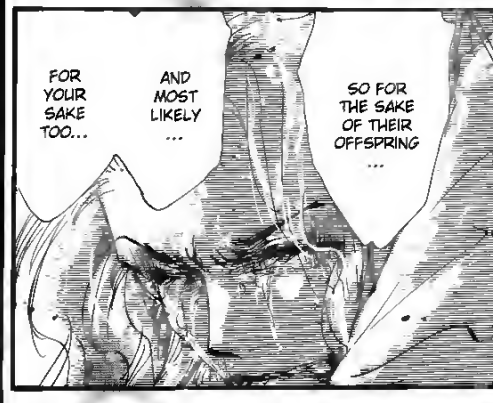
WAIT!
DON'T GO!!
WAIT!!
ARA-MAKI-SAN!
DON'T GO!!
DON'T LEAVE ME!

TAKA-SAN...
OPEN YOUR EYES...
DON'T LOOK AWAY.

THIS ISN'T ANYTHING LIKE THE WILL OF
WHAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU...
IS THE SIGHT OF LIVING ORGANISMS LIVING OUT THEIR LIVES.
THE ANI-MALS, THE PLANTS ...
AND US HUMANS TOO...
ARE JUST DOING WHAT MUST BE DONE...
IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.
ALTHOUGH THEIR FATES MAY BE PITIABLE THAT DOES NOT MEAN IT IS CRUEL.
THEY SIMPLY LIVED THEIR LIVES TO THE FULLEST...
AND NOW THEY ARE FACING THEIR DEATHS IN SIMILAR FASHION.

THEY LIVED LIFE TO THE FULLEST...
AND ARE NOW WELCOMING DEATH...
AS LIVING BEINGS...

THOSE DOGS...
ARE FULLY AWARE THAT THEIR TIME TO DIE HAS COME.


SO FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR OFFSPRING ...
AND MOST LIKELY ...
FOR YOUR SAKE TOO...

THEY ARE GIVING UP THEIR LIVES...
AFTER DOING THEIR BEST TO SURVIVE.
THAT IS SOME-THING THAT NATURALLY HAPPENS...
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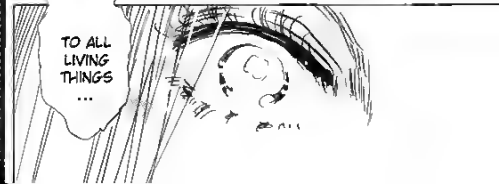
TO ALL LIVING THINGS ...

SEE THEM OFF...
SO PROUD-LY...
UN-AVERTED.
WITH EYES...
To be continued...